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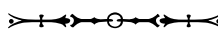
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## CAPUCHIN YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES'

# Core Values



- † *The charisms of St. Francis of Assisi inspire everything that we do. For this reason, Christ is the center of our ministry. Therefore, our ministry helps youth and families to encounter Jesus and to deepen a personal and loving relationship with Him.*
- † *We believe in young people and in their ability to be authentic and responsible leaders in the Church and in society.*
- † *Grace-filled relationships are at the heart of a Christian community. We are committed to nurturing such relationships as the most effective way to evangelize young people and their families and as a privileged way to experience God's love.*
- † *We respect and support family as the first community and as the domestic church in which young people live.*
- † *We believe in collaboration and partnership among friars and lay people within our ministry and with people in the broader community we hope to serve. We respect the different gifts that each person brings to the community and to the ministry.*

**T**hese core values came out of much reflection about who and what we are as a ministry community. They define us as Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries and also as a ministry of the Capuchin Province of St. Mary. These values are what make CYFM Capuchin.

In this issue we will focus on the first of these core values and how our ministry is living it out. Some of the articles will focus on how our programs help teenagers to experience Christ personally. We will continue this with the other core values in the future.

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

The Capuchin Province of St. Mary had a dream in the mid 1970's. A Capuchin Friar teaching at the High School Seminary developed a retreat based on the Cursillo model for some of his students. The first Day by Day Agape retreat happened during Easter week of 1973. Word of something this good spread quickly and a second retreat was held in August of that year. June of 1974 saw DDA # 3, the first Girls' weekend, and a Boys' weekend followed in October. Around the same time the Capuchins closed their High School Seminary and began the Alternate Program to keep in touch with young men who exhibited an interest in the Capuchin life. The DDA program became a part of this Alternate Program when the Friar who birthed DDA became director of the latter program. Once each year one DDA was held exclusively for the participants in the Alternate Program.



In September of 1978, some Friars of the Capuchin Province of St. Mary decided that a special ministry for young people should be developed. DDA and the Alternate Program were 'married' and formed Capuchin Youth Ministries. This ministry experienced steady growth as new retreats and programs were added and more people were evangelized by the Day by Day Agape retreats. It is a tribute to the Capuchins who quickly realized that effective Youth Ministry also needs to have elements of Family Ministry. Within a few years the friars and lay people involved realized that what they were doing was more aptly called, Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries.

Last year, we paused in our ministry to look at who we are and where we are going. Youth Ministry happens everywhere. But what makes CYFM unique is that we are CAPUCHIN Youth and Family Ministries. Our Core Values, listed on page 1, make explicit just what makes us Capuchin. Let's reflect on the first value: "The charisms of St. Francis of Assisi inspire everything that we do..." One of those charisms or gifts characteristic of the Capuchins is fraternity.

Franciscan fraternity puts a priority on community life. From my first experience of CYFM I have been drawn to its experience of Christian community. This is a key to what makes CYFM attractive and effective. Though we all have friends who are a part of this community, it goes well beyond the experience of friendship. We commit ourselves to opening our hearts and lives to God's grace binding us in Christian love to all who desire to join us. Time and again I have heard people say, 'I never feel judged.' 'I am accepted for who I am.' This is God's grace and people cooperating with that grace. That makes for the attraction to this community. Within a true Christian community, people are free to be who God created each to be. We know we are made in the image of God, made to be a reflection of God. When each of us is allowed to be, encouraged to be, accepted for being,

who we are, who God created us to be, we are better able to hear God's word and live the truth that God has imprinted in the core of our being. And we are thus empowered to live as sons and daughters of God, as disciples of Jesus in the world.

St Francis began with a radical and whole hearted commitment to putting Jesus Christ at the center of his life. People were attracted to his living of his Christian life. They joined him in a recommitment to Christ and a fraternity began. When we live with Jesus at the center of our lives, fraternity, or Christian community is a natural result. We are grateful for the Capuchins of the Province of St. Mary for 'marrying' their Capuchin charism to youth ministry and thus giving us all the tremendous gift we have in Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries.

~ Tom Brinkmann

## FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST

From time to time I am asked to give an introduction to Franciscan Spirituality to various groups. I like to introduce people to some of the basic stories from the life of St. Francis: Embracing the leper, the call from the Lord to “Rebuild my Church”, Francis opening the bible and reading “take nothing for the journey” (Matt 10:10), the story of True and Perfect Joy, and the Canticle of Br. Sun. Invariably, there is at least one disappointed person that asks why I didn’t mention anything about simple living or serving the poor. True, Francis did those things, but they were not at the heart of what St. Francis was about.

St. Francis loved Christ. Everything he did and thought was an expression of his love for the Crucified Jesus who he knew personally. When people think that Francis was worried about reducing his carbon footprint, “living simply so others can simply live”, and serving the poor they tend to leave out any reference to Christ or the Church. It’s basic, common sense that we all should strive to reduce our over consumption, live harmoniously

with others, and help those in need. However, you can do those things without having any care of or relationship with God. First and foremost, Francis lived a radical imitation of Christ. His actions flowed from this relationship, not from a concern for the environment or world hunger.



As many have experienced here at CYFM, we strive to live out our own love for Christ. Through prayer, song, witness talks and service to others in need we experience Christ alive and present in our community. It our first core value at CYFM: to help youth and families to encounter Jesus personally, and not just to have abstract knowledge about him. Francis guides us along our way of loving Christ. His love for Christ was not general and abstract, but specific and personal. As G.K. Chesterton said, “But as Saint Francis did not love humanity but men, so he did not love Christianity but Christ.” So do we.

~ Br. Lake

## ASK THE PADRE

*“God Spoke to St. Francis – What about us?”*

In a recent audience on Wednesday, January 27th, Pope Benedict XVI spoke about St. Francis and how God spoke to him. He said: “Three times the crucified Christ came to life and said to him: ‘Go, Francis, and repair my Church in ruins.’” This simple event of the Word of the Lord heard in the church of San Damiano hides a profound symbolism. Immediately, St. Francis is called to repair this little church, but the ruinous state of this building is a symbol of the tragic and disturbing situation of the Church itself at that time.....However, at the center of this Church in ruins is the Crucified and he speaks: he calls to renewal, he calls Francis to manual labor to repair concretely the little church of San Damiano, symbol of the more profound call to renew the Church of Christ itself, with his radical faith and his enthusiastic love for Christ.”

Here at CYFM we do everything in the spirit of St. Francis. Does Jesus speak to us as he did to St. Francis? I believe he does. It can happen in our little chapel not much different in size from the Portiuncula, the little chapel which was so special to Francis and his early friars. As we hear the word of Scripture read to us God speaks. It may sound like the voice of a teenage lector but it is God’s word we hear. It may be

the voice of a young man or woman on a DDA retreat giving a presentation or a meditation that inspires us to act on the word we hear. I believe it is God inspiring us through their word if those words were prepared with the desire to share God’s love with all who come to seek that love. It may be the voice of teenagers leading us in the Service of Light or Agape or the Risen Christ Prayer Service that moves us to want a deeper relationship with Jesus. It is God who inspires us through their words and actions. All we need to do is listen attentively to the word as St. Francis listened at San Damiano and perhaps we will experience a “life changing experience” as St. Francis did and as so many people young and old have said they experienced on a DDA weekend.

Thank you to all of you both young and old who have had the courage to share God’s word at CYFM on a DDA or other retreat. You have truly been a Christian “in whom and through whom Christ lives.” Hey! I think I heard that on a DDA! Thank you God and thank you to all of you who have been instruments of God’s word speaking to us today.

In the love of Christ’s word,  
~ Friar Fred

## DDA #213

The DDA experience changed my life. Having always attended Catholic school and being raised in a faith centered community, I felt I knew a great amount about my faith. I always had my doubts. Obstacles in my life made it difficult to stay close to God and keep a strong faith. DDA helped me to learn more about my faith and how to grow closer to God. The girls' stories that were shared during



the retreat inspired me in my faith and spoke to some of my doubts. The faith in which I had been taught my entire life was strengthened by the love shown in each person on the retreat. DDA gave me the information I need to understand, and the steps I need to grow in my faith. Through



my DDA I learned who I truly am and the gifts I have. DDA has shown me how to live a faith centered life. With God always near I am able to overcome any obstacle in my life. I have acquired many life long friends on DDA. Many times you need someone who you can go to for anything. When you think about it Jesus should be your best friend and that is what I have realized through DDA.

~ Sylvia Smith



## DDA #214

I was pleasantly surprised by the new experiences and realizations DDA had to offer me. I learned a lot from everyone involved. The talks, prayer services, and the music breaks all formed into something greater than I



expected on the weekend. The participants of DDA 214 have become another family to me. All of the new jokes, songs, words like "Phenomacalicious", all built a commu-

nity that I will never be forget. I don't think there was one 5 minute break that we didn't take advantage of as a group to jam to some new songs, tell some more funny stories or play some of the most intense dodge ball and basketball games ever seen. It seemed that everyone involved bonded almost instantly and came out of their shell even before the end of the first day. Even months after the retreat, every time I see someone from 214 it's incredible. Going to CYFM is a break from reality, and when you can create such strong bonds with other guys that you've just met, it's an experience that I'll never forget. My relationship with God has grown immensely and the retreat has really strengthened my prayer life. I learned how to grow with Jesus and my peers at the same time. DDA 214 was one of the best weekends of my life.

~ Ben Nadereski



## MEET OUR RENTERS – UNITED CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP (UCF) AT UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY- WEST POINT

CYFM is not only a retreat center for youth ministry, but it opens its door to house many other ministry events during the year. Each month, schools, parishes and other organizations rent the CYFM building to hold their own retreat. In this newsletter, we are featuring the United Catholic Fellowship group from West Point.

*Featured is an interview with **Cadet Andrew Ng**, student leader of United Catholic Fellowship:*

### **What is UCF?**

United Catholic Fellowship is a club centered on fellowship and community. Our club is primarily cadets and officers assigned to West Point, but membership and participation is open to anyone interested. We meet weekly to share in community and learn more about the faith through prayer, discussion, and talks.

### **What is your retreat like?**

The retreat is a truly powerful experience that serves as a living example and testament to what the club is about. We hold the retreat once per semester and host

several different college campus ministry groups. Our retreat experience is structured to create an environment free of the distractions that take us away from God and out of our faith. This is done through prayer, meditation, the sacraments, hearing different talks throughout the weekend, and simply enjoying the community present.

### **How many people are involved?**

United Catholic Fellowship has approximately 40 active members that participate in the events and meetings held. Regarding the retreat, we hold up to 70 people per retreat.

### **Anything you want our community to know about your ministry or what you are about?**

If you are interested, come out for a meeting! United Catholic Fellowship is a great vehicle to learn more about your faith and share your experiences with others. In addition to meetings, many of our members hold nightly Rosaries as well as trips for adoration sponsored by Catholic Underground. This is a great opportunity to live your faith.

## LOCK-IN

**O**ur Lock-In was held on November 21st and 22nd of 2009. Many different youth groups from the area gathered for this event. The theme of the night was World

the correct answer received a point. Other activities included; a relay race, taping someone from your group to the wall, and a game in which each team represented a



Issues. Several youth groups lead us in activities they created. My youth group from New Paltz created "The Empty Bowl" game, where each youth group was asked questions about world poverty and whoever was closest to

country and remained linked together in order to protect their supplies from the other teams, like people do everyday around the world in regards to their food. Our evening concluded with Midnight Mass in the chapel with over 100 people. It was incredible to share a mass with so many people my age. I learned a lot from this experience about how privileged we are and how we need to be aware of the so many that have less than we do—and I had a lot of fun too.



~ Danielle Valerio

A distinct energy invades the building as they come through the front doors. Their faces seem to convey a feeling of excitement. Could they be looking forward to this retreat? Over the next hour we come to understand that their enthusiasm is born of just three simple words; no school today. This group of 8th graders has escaped the monotony of a class schedule to spend a day at Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries. For most, it's just a change of scenery.

"If you were a cartoon character, who would you be?" is the first question of the day. It is followed by the more significant question of the day, "why be confirmed?" This inquiry is not answered as quickly or as eagerly as the first, but the answers seem to vary just as much. "I'll be glad to be done with Religious Education class," "I'm looking forward to the party," "When can I start going to youth group?" "I want to be closer to God and I'm hoping this will help," "I'm doing this to keep grandma happy"... As diverse as the answers are, they share something in common—a lack of, or at least a failure to recognize a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

For many young people, God, the Church and religion are all wrapped up in an abstract idea unrelated their every day lives. Yet, they yearn for a relationship—for a love that gives their lives meaning and hope.

Through silly games and laughter, witness talks, encouraging comments and a safe atmosphere, CYFM makes available to these young people an encounter with Love. We name that love, Jesus Christ.

While here, young people have the opportunity to understand that the body of Christ, the Church, is not centered on mere rules or traditions, but, rather, on a Person. This Christ-Centered ideal is the first of five principles written on the walls surrounding each retreatant in our conference room: Christ Centered, Committed,

Compassionate, Community, and Commissioned. I have seen each of these ideals embodied on every retreat, yet none can be activated properly without the first. CYFM remains Christ-centered in everything we do: in the sacrifices of the maintenance workers and landscapers, in the heartfelt "How are you?" heard throughout any given day in the office, through the temporal and financial support of its companions, through the trust of Youth Ministers and Religion Teachers, and through all those who work and pray at CYFM. This spirituality envelops and permeates everything and everyone—and is openly expressed through shared Eucharist and Adoration.

We cannot claim to witness the conversion and transformation of the majority of young people who visit us here. But we can claim to have offered a personal encounter with Christ our Lord, moving beyond the abstract knowledge of a distant God. By maintaining Christ as our "Center" for all our thoughts, words, activities and efforts, we uphold the spirit of St. Francis and live in the hope that someday—perhaps today, "...looking around they [will] no longer see anyone but Jesus alone with them." Mark 9:8

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~ Katie-Sue Scullin



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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW

### An interview with former Cap Corp Volunteer (CCV), KELLY GRADALE SEALY:



#### **What have you been up to since you left Garrison?**

I finished in Garrison in 2001 and met my husband, Rich, a few years later. He did Cap Corps in Baltimore from

2003-2004, also doing youth ministry of sorts, but with younger kids and in an inner city parish setting. Our meeting had NOTHING to do with our common Cap Corps background, which is amazing given how small the program really is! We met in grad school after both completing our Cap Corps commitments (Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH - both of us staying in the Franciscan tradition!) We've been married for 4 years now and have 2 little girls (Maria Christine, almost 3, and Bernadette Moira, 6 months). He is a college campus minister in Pittsburgh and I have "retired" from teaching high school theology to stay home with our girls.

#### **We hear you are getting ready for a pretty big move - can you tell us a little about it?**

During grad school, Rich and I became very close friends with a young priest from New Zealand. Fr. Mike's bishop had sent him to the States because there is really nowhere in NZ to get an advanced theology degree. He married us and then returned to NZ, but we stayed in close touch. Then two months before Bernadette's birth, he called and invited us to consider coming to New Zealand for 2 years as missionaries in his parish. He gave us a month to decide. After a thirty day "novena" to St. Joseph, we accepted, having one year to prepare.

#### **What kind of ministry will you be doing there?**

Our main focus will be on the youth group - actually, we will be the only full time Catholic youth ministers in the whole COUNTRY. We'll also be continuing some ministries we already enjoy here as a couple - to engaged couples, newlyweds and young adults/-college-aged students. I'll be ministering specifically to HS and college-aged girls, a long standing passion of mine, while Rich serves the young men. A new ministry for me will be to new moms, and I am extremely excited about that!

#### **Why is this a "mission trip" rather than a ministry move or a job offer?**

Well, we are traveling quite far to nurture the faith in a distant and quite secular land. Also, it's unpaid! with no reimbursement for travel, etc...! We will be provid-

ed with an unused, furnished rectory to live in (utilities covered), a car to drive, some grocery money (but not all) and limited gasoline money, but for the rest we are entirely dependent on the Lord's providence. Right now we are fundraising for our 4 round trip plane tickets, passport costs, international health insurance for our family, shipping costs for our needed things, and "simple" living expenses while there (shampoo, stamps, diapers, that sort of thing).

#### **Why NZ? It's not really what you think of when you think of "mission territory".**

True. It's so stunningly beautiful - a big part of what we are so excited about! But Fr. Mike calls it a "spiritual wasteland". Basically, NZ is almost a totally secular country - less than 10% of population practices any denomination of Christianity. Prostitution & abortion are legal and totally uncontroversial there - there is no real pro-life movement (something I am passionate to work on). There is a vocations crisis far worse than we have in the States (and the US is "mission territory" for priests. The absence of a strong Christian identity in the country has created a spiritual vacuum - oddly, in the midst of so much natural beauty you find great spiritual despair - for example, the suicide rate is very high there, especially among the young. Also, I think we often equate the word "mission" with material poverty, forgetting that spiritual poverty is as real and as urgent.

#### **When do you leave?**

We have airplane tickets for May 24, 2010. Our preparations are going really well - we have been very blessed in fundraising so far, have found a young couple to rent our house (they need all our furniture too!), found a new home for both our cats, obtained passports, completed rigorous health examinations for our visa and submitted our 101 PAGE visa application (weighing 2 pounds!) last week - now we are praying that we are approved without too many delays and hitches!

#### **How can people get involved or help in this mission?**

We have a blog where anyone can learn more [www.missiontonewzealand.blogspot.com](http://www.missiontonewzealand.blogspot.com) and follow us as we go. We also are very grateful for financial support, either one time donations or small monthly commitments. There is a link at the top left of our blog to make a PayPal donation or checks can be sent to us at 3107 Wilson Avenue, Aliquippa PA 15001. Also, we are in need of prayer - "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers few" - but as laborers headed out to this abundant harvest, we sometimes feel a bit overwhelmed by the enormity of what we have taken on! We appreciate every prayer offered up for us to be faithful, fruitful stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

## DDA Leadership

**M**y long and winding faith journey led me to CYFM for DDA Leadership on January 15-17, 2010.

Having not been back to CYFM since my Encounter weekend in October 2008, I did not know many people who were going. Still I was eager to make new friends. Of course, as soon as I arrived I was cheerfully greeted

and caring personalities. The love I saw through them helped inspire me to better myself and deepen my personal relationship with God.

As the rest of the weekend continued, I had the opportunity to do just that. I had fun hanging out with my



new friends. I was also able to focus on my personal relationship with Jesus. Through numerous activities, songs, and prayers, I learned more about myself and how I can maintain and further my relationship with God. With time spent quietly in the chapel and especially during Benediction, I had plenty of personal time with Jesus. What I learned about myself and

and it felt good to be home. As soon as my things were in my room, I made my way downstairs to meet my new family.

Instantly, it was easy to see the weekend would be awesome. Every person in the room was more than friendly, accepting, and outgoing. After countless hugs, numerous introductions, and a couple high-fives, I could clearly see Jesus and His love in every person I met. The other teens and adults helped me encounter God's love through simple things, like their positive attitudes

about my faith on that weekend, has helped me to learn how to be a better Christian. By coming to see Jesus through my peers and adult leaders, and continuously growing in my faith I have learned how to spread Christianity through myself.

~ Emily Di Martino



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## FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE RETREAT

Our theme for this retreat was, “what makes me catholic?” I learned a lot about what differentiates our faith from other Christian religions, and on a larger scale, religions as a whole. The talks given were insightful and centered on the teachings of our church and how they apply to our daily lives. We focused on the topics of God’s grace, sin or the absence of Christ, the sacraments of Eucharist and marriage, and our calling as Catholic teens.

What I really enjoyed about this particular retreat were the games, and meaningful talks and conversations, all of which helped me to better understand the faith into which I was baptized. One of the unique things about this retreat was a forced choices activity where my knowledge of the faith was put to the test. Some of the choices we had to make revolved around saints and life after death, while others focused on the teachings of the Catholic Church and Canon law. With Anthony playing Devil’s Advocate we learned exactly why the Church teaches what it does on subjects such as purgatory, abortion, and relationships.



We also had a new adoration service which was a new experience for me. One of the most meaningful aspects of the weekend, were all of the personal stories about the

transition from middle school into high school, or childhood into adolescence. The personal experiences shared and the challenges that they overcame were moving and very relatable, as I have gone through or am going through the same things. Learning how Jesus helped others through these transitions meant a lot to me.

We talked about the Eucharistic table and how it was similar to the family table, but also what makes it special. I have found a new appreciation for my Catholic faith and what it means. I feel more able to live it out outside of CYFM and this retreat now that I understand more about it.

~ Kyle Schroeder



## CCOP

Hi, my name is Patrick Daily and I was lucky enough to be chosen for this year’s College Capuchin Outreach Program. CCOP ‘10 was the most amazing experience I have ever been involved with at CYFM.



It was an experience filled with service, prayer and bonding with fellow college students that I have never seen before at CYFM. On CCOP ‘10 I served at Rosary

Hill with Fr. Fred and three others. Rosary Hill is a home for people living with the end stages of cancer.

I learned so much about myself and so much about life. During the week we learned about the patient’s lives, helped feed patients, and even had a New Year’s Party. Every Night during dinner we would come back and share the moments of the day that moved us the most at our worksites. This experience with theological reflection and down time made CCOP ‘10 such an amazing experience. I have never seen God so present in so many people as I did during CCOP ‘10.

I consider all of us as one big family and even though the retreat is over I still pray for all of them and hope to see them all again next year.

~ Patrick Daily



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## CYFM UPCOMING EVENTS

*PLEASE NOTE that these dates and activities are subject to change.*

### MARCH

Mar 18-21 .....Boy's DDA 216 Weekend  
 Mar 28 .....Living Stations

### APRIL

Apr 10-11 .....CYFM Senior Retreat  
 Apr 15-18 .....Girl's DDA 217 Weekend

### MAY

May 1 .....Scholarship & Awards Dinner Dance  
 May 14-16 .....DDA Leadership  
 May 23 .....CAM Orientation  
 (Capuchin Appalachia Mission)  
 May 24 .....Family Festiva & God's TYM Olympics

### JUNE

June 27-July 2 .....COP  
 (Capuchin Outreach Program)

### JULY

July 10-18 .....CAM  
 (Capuchin Appalachia Mission)  
 July 22 .....CCV's Depart

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ENGAGEMENT

10/4/09 - Mary Beth Bumbolow, CCV  
2008-2009 and Chris Desario.  
The wedding is set for 10/9/11.

### DEATHS

1/12/10 - Ken Forness, father of Olivia  
Forness, DDA 203 and 208.

### BIRTHS

11/12/09 - a daughter, Amelia Maureen  
born, to Heather (DDA LI 12 & 15, 207  
& 212 & Vinnie Tortorici (DDA LI 15,  
149 & 204)

3/3/10 - a daughter, Violet Elizabeth  
Lyons, born to Ann Margaret (DDA 182,  
196, 200 & 203) & Sean Lyons.